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[54] **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING COMPUTER DISPLAYS BY USING A TWO DIMENSIONAL SCROLL PALETTE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A computer program provides for the display of window regions on a display screen whereby the content and size of one window region is controllable in two dimensions using means provided in another window region. A cursor device and a signal generation means is used to select the two-dimensional scrolling or resizing of a window region. Controls are also provided to move and terminate window regions. Upon termination, the configuration of window regions is saved on a data storage means for use when the window regions are re-displayed. Cursor movement can be restricted to the horizontal or vertical directions only.

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